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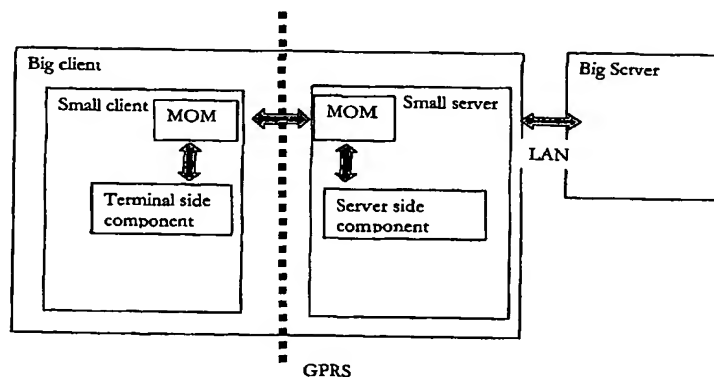
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(54) Title: A DATA ACCESS, REPLICATION OR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM COMPRISING A DISTRIBUTED SOFT-
WARE APPLICATION



(57) Abstract: The present invention envisages a data access, replication or communications system comprising a software ap-
plication that is distributed across a terminal-side component running on a terminal and a server-side component; in which the
terminal-side component and the server-side component (i) together constitute a client to a server and (ii) collaborate by sending
messages using a message queuing system over a network. Hence, we split (i.e. distribute) the functionality of an application that
serves as the client in a client-server configuration into component parts that run on two or more physical devices that communicate
with each other over a network connection using a message queuing system, such as message oriented middleware. The component
parts collectively act as a client in a larger client-server arrangement, with the server being, for example, a mail server. We call this a
'Distributed Client' model. A core advantage of the Distributed Client model is that it allows a terminal, such as mobile device with
limited processing capacity, power, and connectivity, to enjoy the functionality of full-featured client access to a server environment
using minimum resources on the mobile device by distributing some of the functionality normally associated with the client onto the
server side, which is not so resource constrained.

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the terminal-side component insulates a terminal program from being affected if the connection over the network is broken by also queuing messages in readiness for the connection to be re-established, enabling the terminal program to proceed to its next task

2. claims: 5-9 and 11

data replication being achieved by sending events rather than a complete dataset (or sub-sets of a dataset) of stored data for synchronisation

3. claims: 20-23

the terminal-side component monitors available memory on the terminal and automatically deletes data stored on the terminal that meets pre-defined criteria

4. claim: 25

the terminal-side component enables a user to select a release option to delete a message stored on the terminal but not the corresponding message stored on the server

5. claims: 26-29

correct routing of messages addressed to a terminal identified by an ID by mapping that ID to the actual IP address

6. claim: 31

challenge to any third party suspected of attempting a denial of service attack on the terminal

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